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TO: Executive Policy Team

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FROM: Patricia L. Caruso, Director

SUBJECT: General Population Reintegration Program – Alger Correctional Facility

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The Department is piloting a voluntary General Population Reintegration Program for prisoners reclassified from segregation to the general population at the Alger Correctional Facility who are resistant to engaging in group activities that are common in a traditional general population setting. General population prisoners who are requesting segregation placement due to similar concerns also may be included in the Program. This Program, however, is <u>not</u> designed for those prisoners whose protection needs can be met only by placement in segregation.

Prisoners in the Program may participate in all activities and services provided to prisoners in a general population setting. To assist in their successful transition to the general population, however, these prisoners are not required to engage in traditional general population group activities or be involved in any activities that require the mass movement of prisoners. Activities that are traditionally provided to general population prisoners in a group setting, or which require mass movement, instead shall be provided to these prisoners in the housing unit, the prisoner's cell, or in other specially designated areas of the institution; they also may be provided at specially designated times or under escort, as needed. In addition, housing unit activities shall be scheduled when prisoners not in the Program are out of the housing unit.

In addition to select work assignments offered to prisoners in the Program, these prisoners will be placed on the institutional work assignment list used for all general population prisoners; however, if the prisoner does not want an assignment outside of the unit when offered, he shall not be reclassified as unemployable for purposes of PD 05.01.100 "Prisoner Program Classification". In addition, the refusal shall not be considered when determining qualifications for indigency status pursuant to PD 04.02.120 "Indigent Prisoners".

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The Security Classification Committee (SCC) shall identify prisoners who may benefit from placement in this Program. SCC shall discuss the Program with each identified prisoner and answer any questions the prisoner may have. If the prisoner wants to participate in the Program, he shall be required to verify in writing that he understands the requirements of the Program and that he voluntarily agrees to participate in the Program and abide by its rules.

Once a prisoner in the Program is willing to engage in group activities comparable to those offered to all general population prisoners, he may request termination from the Program by submitting a request in writing to his Housing Unit Team. The prisoner shall be terminated from the Program within two business days of receipt of the written request by the Housing Unit Team. This is not intended to preclude a prisoner's reclassification to administrative segregation if the prisoner's actions while in the Program warrant such placement.

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